limitation. This self-building they figured as the creation by man in himself of that other world or high ordered harmony of infinite being which already exists perfect and eternal in the Divine Infinite. The lower is for us the first condition of the higher; the darkness is the dense body of the light, the Inconscient guards in itself all the concealed Superconscient, the powers of the division and falsehood hold from us but also for us and to be conquered from them the riches and substance of the unity and the truth in their cave of subconscience. This was in their view, expressed in the highly figured enigmatic language of the early mystics, the sense and justification of man's actual existence and his conscious or unconscious Godward effort, his conception so paradoxical at first sight in a world which seems its very opposite, his. aspiration so impossible to a superficial view in a creature so ephemeral, weak, ignorant, limited,. towards a plenitude of immortality, knowledge,. power, bliss, a divine and imperishable existence--

For, as a matter of fact, while the very keyword of the ideal creation is a plenary self-consciousness and self-possession in the infinite Soul and a perfect

oneness, the keyword of the creation of which we
have present experience is the very opposite; it is.
an original inconscience developing in life into a
limited and divided self-consciousness, an original
inert subjection to the drive of a blind self-existent
Force developing in life into a struggle of the self-
conscious being to possess himself and all things.

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